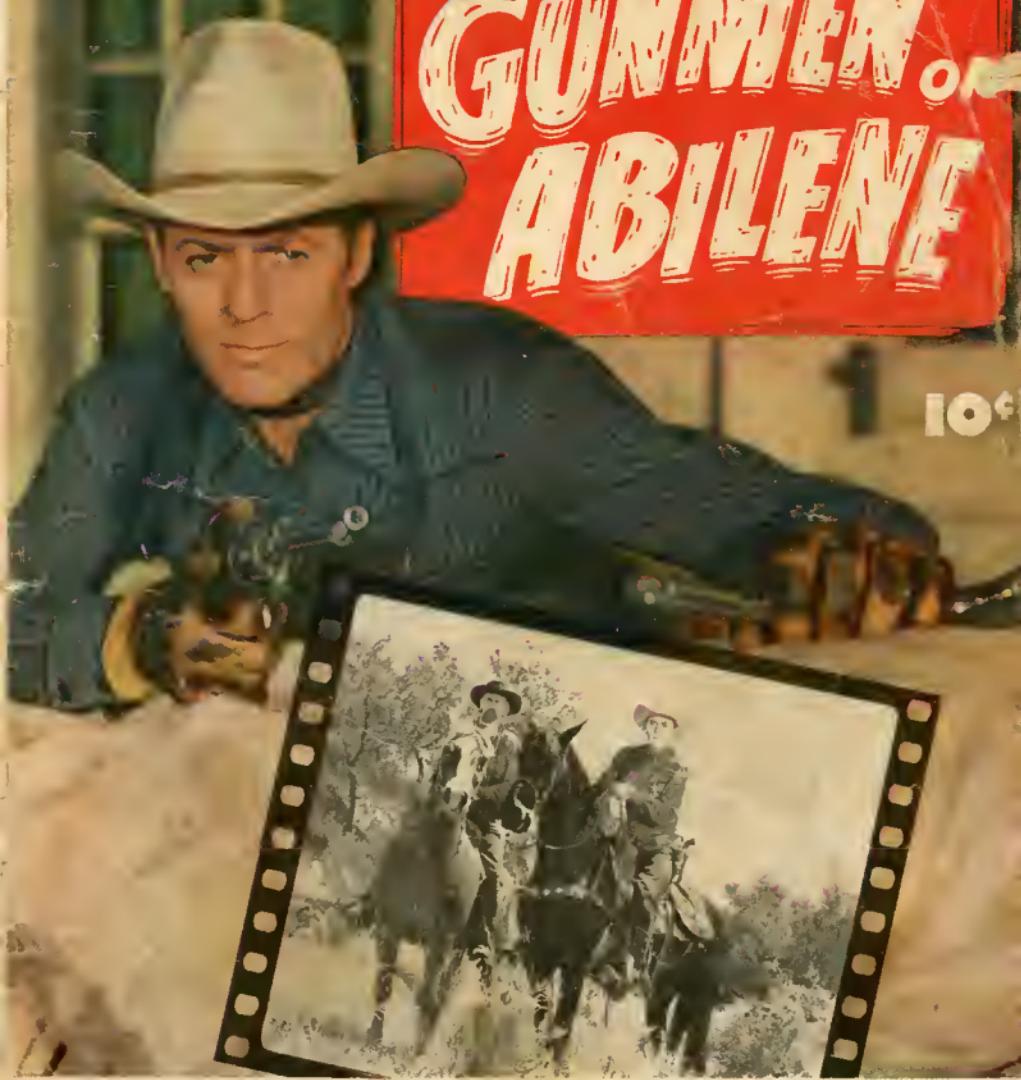


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IN THE BIG REPUBLIC PICTURE "**GUNMEN OF ABILENE**"



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And His Stallion BLACK JACK

with

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Gunmen of Abilene

PEACE had fled Blue Valley and terror stalked its streets. The whine of owlhoot lead formed a symphony of hate and swift, cruel death answered those who dared oppose it. Then, when all seemed lost to law and order, *Rocky Lane* Slapped leather and fearlessly galloped into town. Danger rode beside him as his six guns barked defiance to *The Gunmen of Abilene!*



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A LONE HORSEMAN GALLOPS SWIFTLY ACROSS THE WIDE WESTERN HIGHLANDS, BENT ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION!

GOT TO GIT TO ABILENE FAST!
GIDDAP!



AHEAD, TWO DESPERADOS LURK IN AMBUSH!

HERE HE COMES —
AND WE'RE STOPPIN'
HIM PRONTO!



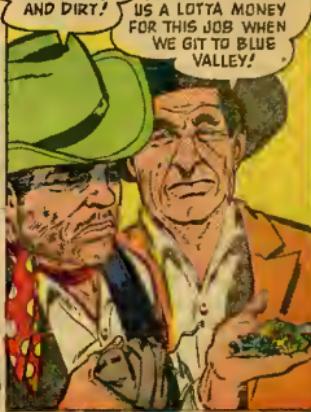
BUSHWHACKERS!
AHHHHHHHHH!



RECKON HE'S FINISHED!
TAKE THAT POUCH, TODD!



HUH? NOTHIN'
BUT ROCKS
AND DIRT!
YEH, BUT HENRY
TURNER — PROMISED
US A LOTTA MONEY
FOR THIS JOB WHEN
WE GIT TO BLUE
VALLEY!



MEANWHILE, IN BLUE VALLEY, SHERIFF NUGGET CLARK ENTERTAINS A GUEST!

THERE I WAS, DICKIE, IN AN AWFUL FIK! MUST HAVE BEEN FIFTEEN OR TWENTY OUTLAWS FACIN' ME! BUT I GOT THE DROP ON'EM BAREHANDED AND CAPTURED THE HULL DANG GANG!

GEE!



SORRY, UNCLE NUGGET, BUT DICKIE HAS TO GET READY FOR THE STAGE-COACH! HE'S GOING TO VISIT HIS DAD IN ABILENE!

GEE!
THANKS
FOR THE
SWELL
GUN,
CHAMPS!



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SAM CONPIT WAS A PROSPECTOR AND I GRUBSTAKED HIM! HE STUMBED ON A NEW GOLD VEIN ... RIGHT HERE! AND HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO ABILENE TO HAVE THOSE ORE SAMPLES ASSAYED! WE KNEW IT WAS A RICH STRIKE!

SO YOU CALLED ME IN FROM ABILENE TO BUSHWHACK HIM! NOW THE STRIKE IS YOURS--AND MINE! PRETTY SMART, TURNER!

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE! SAM FIGURED OUT THAT THE NEW VEIN RUNS UNDER THE TOWN OF BLUE VALLEY! SO THE TOWNS-PEOPLE OWN THE GOLD--UNLESS WE FIND A WAY TO DRIVE THEM OUT! THAT'S YOUR JOB!

I GET IT! THE REST OF MY GANG'S IN THE HILLS! WE'LL TURN THE TOWN UPSIDE DOWN... STARTING NOW!

RIGHT, FALCON! THAT'S WHY I HIRED YOU! DRIVE EVERYBODY OUT OF BLUE VALLEY! THEN THIS NEW GOLD STRIKE WILL BE OURS! GET TO WORK!



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TWO DAYS LATER, THE STAGECOACH RETURNS FROM ABILENE WITH DR. JOHNSON, DICKIE, AND HIS FATHER, BILL HARPER ...

I HOPE IT'S SAFE BRINGING DICKIE BACK TO BLUE VALLEY! WILL THAT NEW MARSHAL STOP THE OUTLAW GANG?

WHO IS HE?

A UNITED STATES DEPUTY MARSHAL CALLED **ROCKY LANE!** ONE OF THEIR BEST MEN, THEY SAY! HE'S RIDING TO TOWN BY HIMSELF!



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GET GOING, JAKE! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THOSE MEDDLERS!

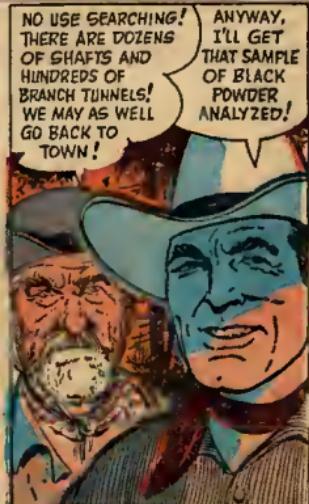
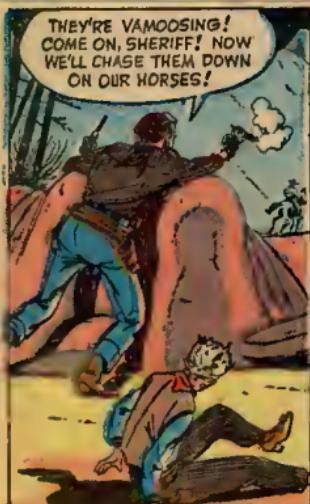


THEY VANISHED—WAGON AND ALL! HOW DID THEY DISAPPEAR?

SHUCKS! THEY MUSTA REACHED ONE OF THOSE OLD MINE SHAFTS!

NO USE SEARCHING! THERE ARE DOZENS OF SHAFTS AND HUNDREDS OF BRANCH TUNNELS! WE MAY AS WELL GO BACK TO TOWN!

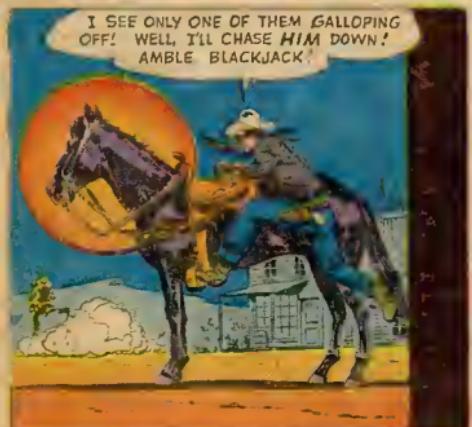
ANYWAY, I'LL GET THAT SAMPLE OF BLACK POWDER ANALYZED!



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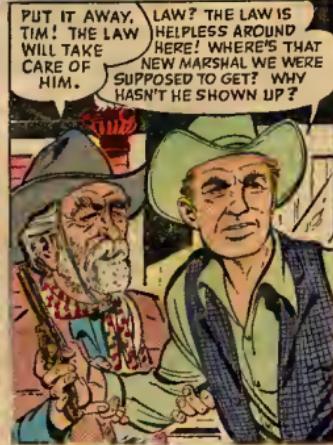
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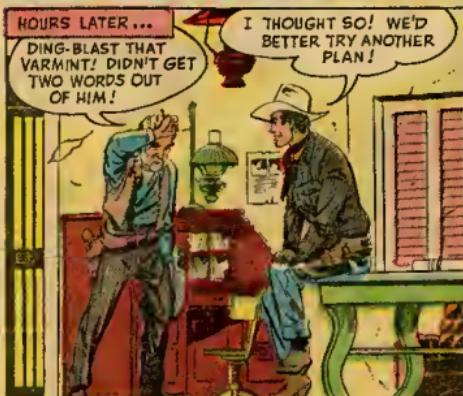
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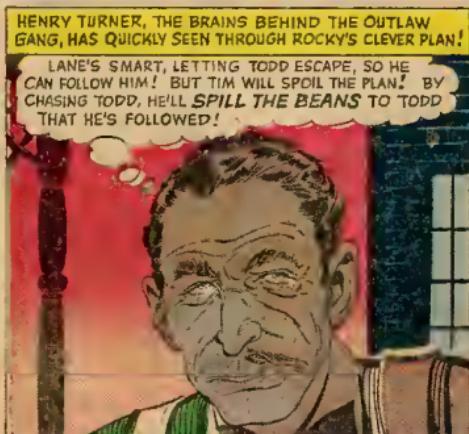
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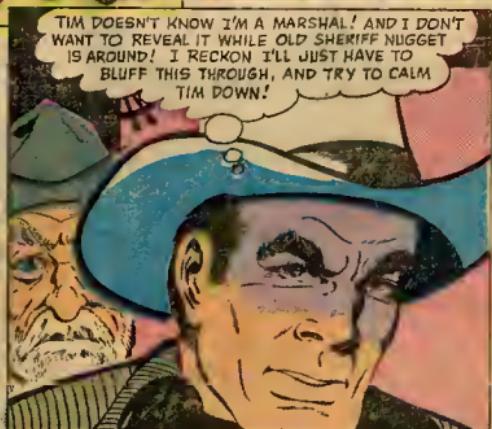
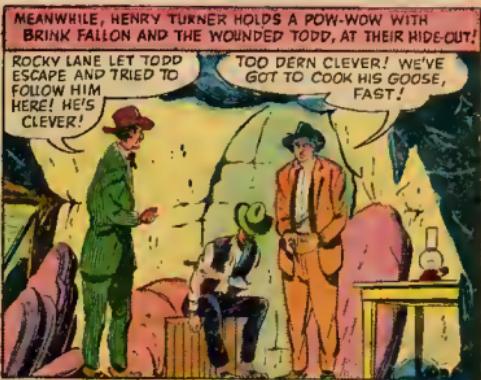
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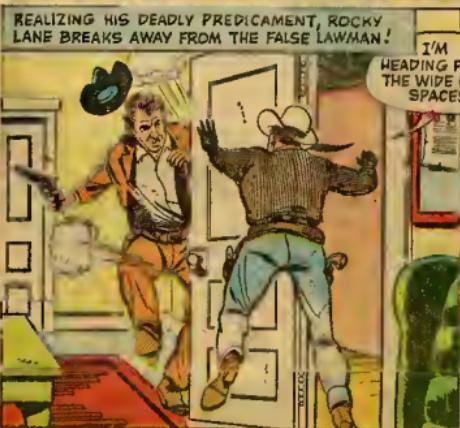
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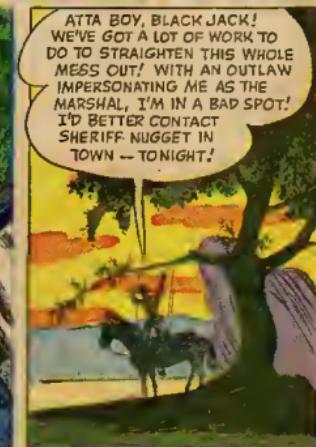
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THAT NIGHT, IN DOCTOR JOHNSON'S HOME, WHERE LITTLE DICKIE HAS BEEN STAYING SINCE THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER...

YES, DICKIE, I'M GOING AWAY! YOU SEE, NOBODY WANTS ME NO MORE. I'M AN OLD HAS-BEEN, I RECKON! THEY GOT A NEW MARSHAL AND I'M KICKED OUT!

NO, GRAMPS! DON'T GO! YOU'RE THE BEST SHERIFF THERE IS IN THE WHOLE WORLD!



I SECOND THE MOTION, NUGGET! YOU'RE THE BEST SHERIFF THERE IS! JUST STAY AND PROVE IT!

ROCKY LANE!



MIGHTY NICE OF YOU, ROCKY! BUT THAT NEW MARSHAL TOOK MY PLACE AND ...

HE'S NO MARSHAL, NUGGET! TAKE MY WORD FOR IT! IN FACT, HE MUST BE AN OUTLAW! DID YOU EVER SEE HIM BEFORE?



WAIT! I DID SEE HIM, WEEKS AGO! HE RODE INTO TOWN WITH TODD AND ASKED FOR HENRY TURNER'S PLACE!

TURNER? COULD HE BE IN CAHOOTS WITH THEM? WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT! SHERIFF, NOW YOU HAVE TO STAY TO HELP SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!



DAD-BLAST IT! I'LL STAY AND GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

GOOD FOR YOU, GRAMPS!



NOW YOU GET TO BED, YOUNG FELLOW!

ROCKY LANE, THE OUTLAW!



GRAB SKY! I'M TURNING YOU OVER TO THE NEW MARSHAL!

TIM! TIM, YOU IDIOT!



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WHEN THE SHERIFF COMES DOWN AGAIN, A PLAN IS QUICKLY WORKED OUT TO EXPOSE HENRY TURNER!

NUGGET, YOU KEEP THAT CROOKED MARSHAL BUSY IN YOUR OFFICE! TIM, YOU VISIT TURNER AND TELL HIM YOU'RE GOING TO SEARCH THE MINES FOR THE OUTLAW HIDE-OUT! THAT WILL ALARM TURNER, AND MAKE HIM SHOW HIS HAND!

GET IT?



NOW, TAKE THIS HORSE THIEF! AND THIS WIFE-BEATER! AND THIS GUY WHO POISONS DOGS! AIN'T THEY AWFUL?

OH, FOR GOSH SAKES! WHO CARES? — I MEAN — UH — ALL RIGHT, SHERIFF, I'LL GET 'EM!



AND TIM SOWS THE SEEDS OF PANIC IN TURNER!

YES, TURNER! I'M GOING TO FIND THAT OUTLAW HIDE-OUT IN THE MINES! GIVE ME ANOTHER BOX OF SHELLS IN CASE I NEED THEM!

UH — SURE, TIM!



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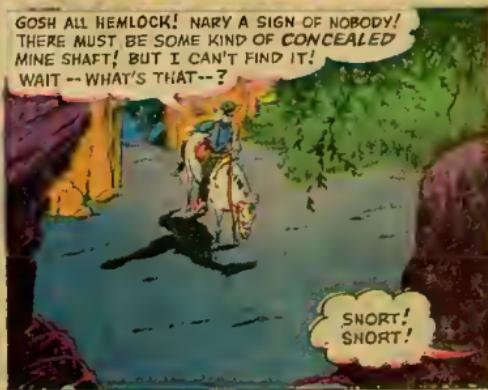
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AND WHILE ROCKY LIES HELPLESS THROUGH THE NIGHT, THE GANG OF BADMEN RAID THE TOWN RUTHLESSLY, CLIMAXING THEIR LONG REIGN OF TERROR IN ONE FRIGHTFUL CARNAGE!



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BUT ALREADY STATIONED IN THE HILLS
OVERLOOKING THE SCENE ARE BRINK,
FALCON AND TURNER!

WAIT TILL THE WAGON
TRAIN GETS DIRECTLY
UNDER US!

YEH! THEN I LIGHT THIS
DYNAMITE AND BLOW HALF
A MOUNTAIN SIDE
DOWN ON 'EM!

THEN WE GO BACK TO
THE EMPTY TOWN AND
CLAIM THE WHOLE GOLD
STRIKE FOR OURSELVES!
IT'S PERFECT!

BUT ROCKY LANE REACHES THE
LEADING WAGON, DRIVEN BY TIM!

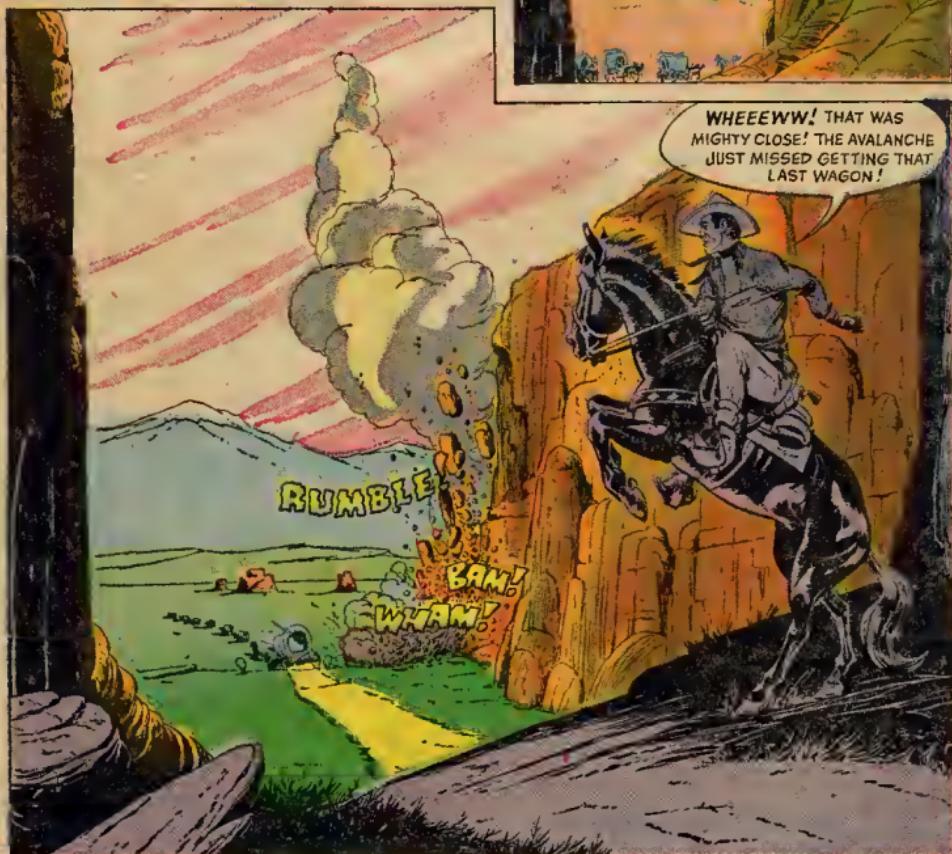
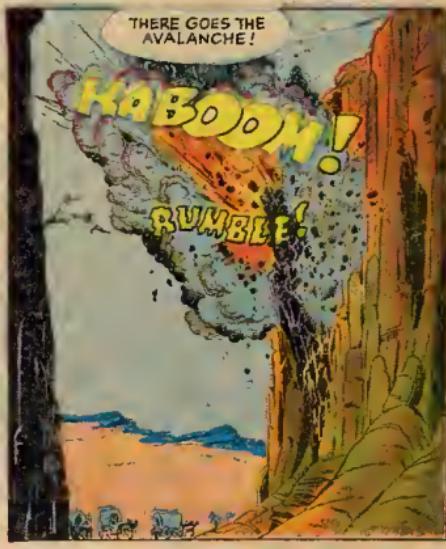
WHAT?
BUT
WHY?

TIM! TURN OFF THE ROAD!
HURRY! LEAD THE WAGON
TRAIN INTO OPEN LAND!

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!
JUST FOLLOW THE SHERIFF!
HE'LL LEAD YOU TO
OPEN LAND!

THE WAGON TRAIN IS TURNING OFF THE ROAD!
QUICK! LIGHT THE FUSE AND START
THE AVALANCHE!





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NOW IT'S
YOUR
TURN,
TURNER!

YOU WON'T MANHANDLE ME,
LANE! I'M GOING TO BLOW
YOU TO SMITHREENS
WITH THIS DYNAMITE!

LOOK OUT! THE EDGE OF
THE CLIFF IS CRUMBLING
UNDER YOU ---!

WHAT--?
HELP!

BUT THERE IS NO EARTHLY HELP FOR THE SCHEMING
STOREKEEPER AS HE PLUNGES TO HIS DOOM!

EEEAAA!

LOOK OUT!
HE'S COMING
STRAIGHT
DOWN AT
US!

WHAT AN ENDING FOR TURNER! NOT
ONLY HIM, BUT THE REST OF THE
OUTLAW GANG! HE DROPPED RIGHT
AMONG THEM WITH THE DYNAMITE!

KABOOM!

LATER, AS PEACE ONCE MORE REIGNS...

ONLY GOT ONE PRISONER
FOR YOU, SHERIFF! RECKON
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE REST!

SON, YOU SURE DID
A JOB OF WORK! NOW
THE PEOPLE CAN ALL
GO BACK TO TOWN,
SAFE AND
SOUND!



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LATER, AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

WELL, YOU'RE SHERIFF AGAIN, NUGGET! AND I CONSIDER IT AN HONOR THAT I WAS YOUR DEPUTY FOR A WHILE! THE GOLD STRIKE BELONGS TO THE TOWN NOW!



MY JOB'S DONE, SO I'LL BE RUNNING ALONG NOW...EH?

WAIT, SON!



YOU FORGOT THESE, ROCKY! I THINK YOU'LL BE NEEDING THEM!

MY MARSHAL'S BADGE AND PAPERS! THEN YOU KNOW NOW -- UH -- GOSH, I -- I HARDLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY--UH...



DON'T SAY NOTHING, SON! YOU DON'T HAVE TO! ALL I GOT TO SAY IS YOU'RE THE DAD-BLASTED, PING-DONGDEST SQUARE-SHOOTER I EVER MET! AND I'M PROUD TO SHAKE YOUR HAND--

MARSHAL!

THANKS!



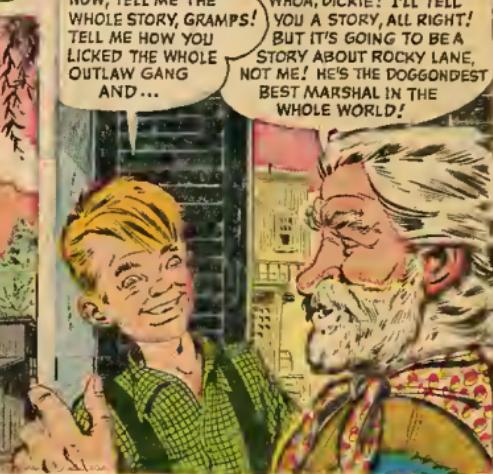
WELL, I'LL BE RAMBLING ALONG!
PLEAS'D TO HAVE KNOWN
YOU!

GOODBYE,
ROCKY!



NOW, TELL ME THE
WHOLE STORY, GRAMPS!
TELL ME HOW YOU
LICKED THE WHOLE
OUTLAW GANG
AND...

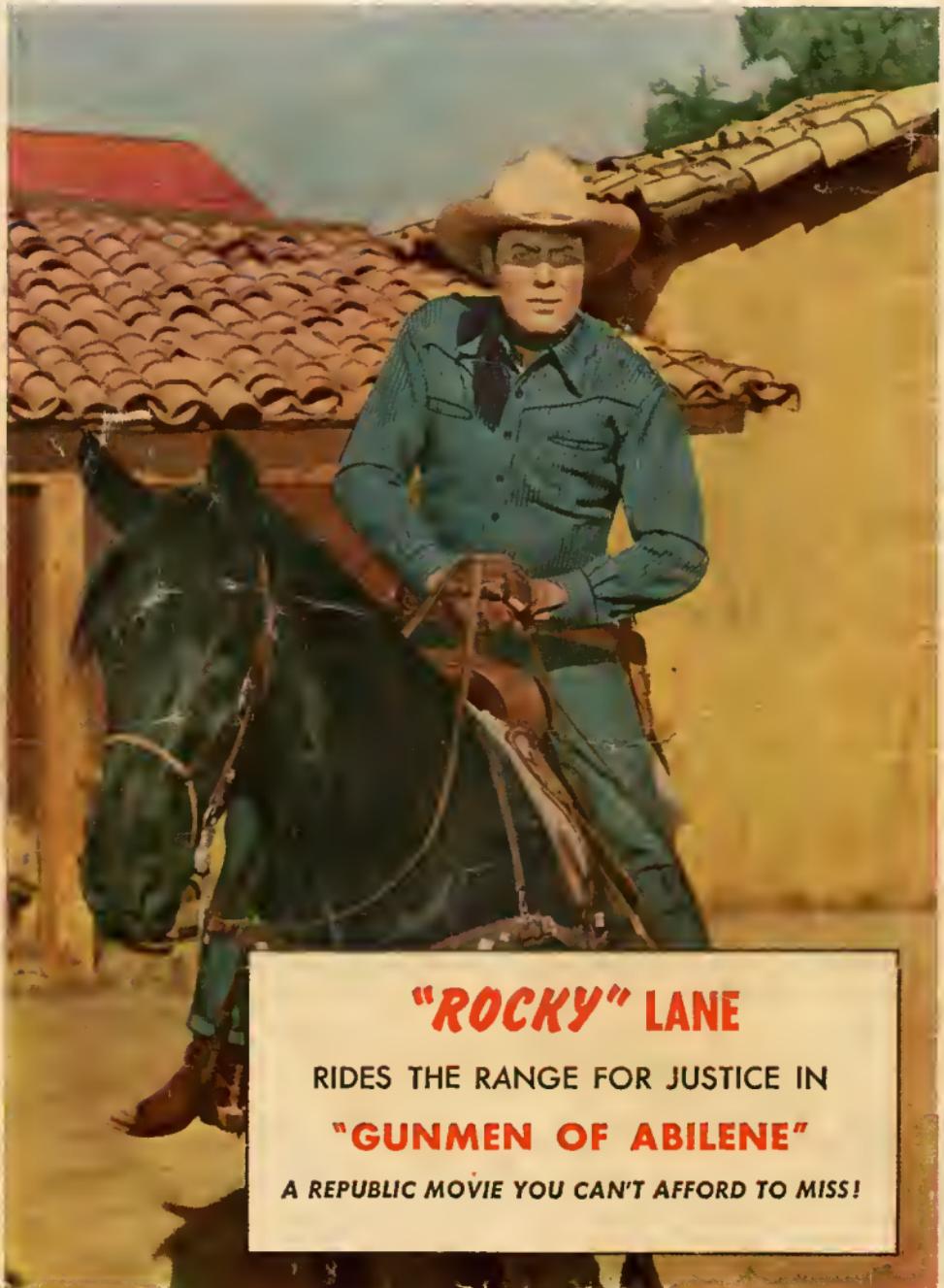
WHOA, DICKIE! I'LL TELL
YOU A STORY, ALL RIGHT!
BUT IT'S GOING TO BE A
STORY ABOUT ROCKY LANE,
NOT ME! HE'S THE DOGGONDEST
BEST MARSHAL IN THE
WHOLE WORLD!





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